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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

**Re: *Tariff to Provide Rate Reductions to Offset a Portion of the 2002 Tax Credit,
TRA Docket No. 02-00134***

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and 13 copies of CenturyTel of Claiborne's Responses to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's April 10, 2002 Request for Information. Also enclosed is an additional copy of the Responses, which I would appreciate your stamping as "filed," and returning to me by way of our courier.

While the enclosed information is provided pursuant to your request, CenturyTel of Claiborne respectfully submits that the subject Act is clear that all expenses associated with Part 36/69 should be reduced. CenturyTel of Claiborne is deeply concerned that it may not recover any money from the Fund. As a result, it requests that the tariff filed on April 5, 2002 be implemented soon so that it is possible to apply the new tariffed rates in the May bills.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number listed above.

Very truly yours,



Ross I. Booher

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Susan W. Smith (w/ enclosure)

CenturyTel of Claiborne

TRA Docket No. 02-00134-Tariff to Provide Rate Reductions to Offset a Portion of the 2002 Tax Credit

1. Does CenturyTel of Claiborne currently receive high-cost support from the Federal Universal Service Fund? If so, please provide responses to the remaining.
A: Yes
2. Provide the total amount of Universal Service high-cost support received for calendar years 2000 and 2001.
A: 2000--\$1,483,034 2001--\$1,629,064
3. Provide the company's cost per line as calculated for the Universal Service high-cost support purposes for 2000 and 2001.
A: 2000--\$507.20 2001--\$524.73
4. Provide the USOA Account Number(s) in which Universal Service high-cost support payments are booked.
A: Account 50801000
5. Provide the company's current cost per line as calculated for Universal Service high-cost support purposes.

<u>A: based on 2000 invest. & exp: \$551.09</u>	<u>After tax reduction: \$545.76</u>
<u>based on 2001 invest. & exp: \$564.39</u>	<u>After tax reduction: \$559.17</u>

note: 2001 data is preliminary, it has not been filed with NECA
6. What year's cost are used to compute the company's current cost per line reported in item no. 5, above?
A: 2000 and 2001 preliminary
7. Approximately when (month and year) will actual costs for 2002 be reported (or trued up) to NECA for use by the FCC in computing the company's cost per line and the national average cost per line for Universal Service high-cost support purposed?
A: July 31, 2003
8. In what year will the company receive Universal Service high-cost support payments based on the 2002 costs reported in item no. 7, above?
A: 2004
9. What year's costs were used to determine the company's Universal Service high-cost support payments for 2001?
A: 1999
10. What year's costs are being used to determine the company's Universal Service high-cost support payments for 2002?
A: 2000
11. What year's costs will be used to determine the company's Universal Service high-cost support payments for 2003?
A: 2001
12. What year's costs will be used to determine the company's Universal Service high-cost support payments for 2004?
A: 2002